REMARKS:

This response is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2004. Claims 1-16 stand rejected. Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Please note that Application as filed has the primary inventor as Caroline Nan Koff, but the office action has the primary inventor's name spelled Kkoff. Applicant respectfully requests that the name be corrected in the Patent Office file.

The drawings are objected to. Applicant herewith submits formal drawings with this office action.

Claim Rejections 35 USC §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Programming for VisualAge For Java Version 2 by John Akerley (hereinafter referred to as Akerley). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of the claims.

With regard to claim 1, Applicant strenuously objects to the Examiner's characterization that the Akerley reference obviates Applicant's claim 1. As will be shown below, the Akerley reference does not cover the **entirety** of the rejected claim 1 and does not otherwise teach, suggest, disclose or render obvious the claimed invention.

The Examiner has stated that the third element of Applicant's claim 1, "extracting the one or more marked localizable strings" is taught by Akerley on page 303. The statement referred to by the Examiner on page 303 teaches how to remove externalization information by editing each item that has been marked. However, a reading of Akerley provides no teaching, suggestion, or obviation of *extraction* of one or more marked localizable strings. And, significantly, Examiner has not stated with particularity where such teaching on extraction occurs. Akerley teaches on pages 305-306 how to externalize a string, but there is no mention in this teaching of extracting strings that have been marked to be externalized.

Applicant would also like to note that there is no teaching, suggestion or obviation by Akerley of the fourth element of Applicant's claim 1: "storing the one or more marked localizable strings into an external text file". Akerley actually **teaches away** from Applicant's claim 1 because Akerley does not teach on the extraction of marked localized strings and so certainly does not teach, suggest or obviate extracting and storing marked localized strings in an external text file. Applicant has found no reference in Akerley of the extraction or storage of marked localized strings in a text file. And, significantly, Examiner has not stated with particularity where such teaching occurs. Again, referring to pages 300-329 and specifically to pages 304-305 of Akerley, there is no teaching, suggestion or obviation within the seven steps listed therein of extraction or storage of marked localized strings into a text file.

Applicant has further found no teaching, suggestion, or obviation of the fifth element of claim 1: "generating one or more ListResourceBundle data structures from the one or more marked localizable strings stored in the external text file". The Examiner has referred to page 304 of Akerley, but again there is no teaching, suggestion or obviation of the use of an external text file to generate a ListResourceBundle data structure.

While Applicant notes the teaching of Akerley with regard to resource bundles, Applicant also notes that there is no teaching, suggestion or obviation in Akerley of elements 3-5 of Applicant's claim 1.
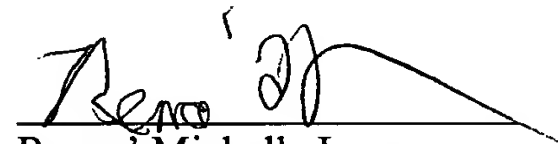
Because the Akerley reference does not teach, suggest or obviate every element of claim 1 as required for a 35 U.S.C 103 (a) rejection, the rejection of claim 1 is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 is hereby requested at the Examiners earliest convenience.

With regard to claims 2-16, Examiner has only provided justification for the rejection of claim 1. Although additional arguments could be made for the patentability of claims 2-16, such arguments are believed unnecessary in view of the above discussion of the patentability of claim 1. The undersigned wishes to make it clear that not making such arguments at this

time should not be construed as a concession or admission to any statement in the Office Action.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this response or application.

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